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AFTER THE FIRE.

Now that the smoke of the great fire has cleared away, and we have had time to look over the scene, we can but pause to thank the people all over Florida for the many offers of assistance in various forms that have come to us. We were a burned city, and no mistake, but even in our deepest trouble, these kind offers touched a responsive chord, and THE NEWS, on behalf of the entire populace tenders thanks to all.

We shall not be discouraged, but on the contrary are starting to work to rebuild a city that will be far ahead of the one destroyed by fire. Every merchant in Arcadia feels the importance of getting up and to work, and ere many moons roll around a new Arcadia will be presented to DeSoto county and the state at large. New buildings are already being contracted for, and temporary quarters are being provided. Thus, from what seemed ruin by flames, phoenix like will we arise from the ashes to a greater, more beautiful, and far more substantial city. Arcadia is filled with men of pluck and energy, and will sure come again.

Just watch us grow from now on.

Our paper is somewhat abridged this issue, but give us time and we will be a coming.

The 59th congress is now in session at Washington. Much is expected of the Florida delegation.

And now let us have the energy and push of every business interest in Arcadia in the building up of the city.

Hon. Albert W. Gilchrist announces that he will not again be a candidate for re-election to the Legislature.

We are a little late in getting out this issue, but next week we shall be on schedule time, full of news, and ready to press forward.

The weather for the past few days has been of a cold nature, and as a result the "missing tourist" is showing himself among us. He is welcome.

THE NEWS has made arrangements whereby we can take care of all your job printing. When in need of some just send it along. You will be served promptly and neatly.

The "Jim Crow" law has been declared by Judge Call to be valid in Jacksonville, and thus the negroes and whites will be separated while riding on street cars of that city.

The holidays are close upon us, and soon the little ones will be happy expecting old Santa Claus. Guess he will certainly bestow a large share of his wares upon Arcadia this year.

Judging from an article in the last issue of the Bartow Courier-Information, by R. O. Dunning, the people up there are not satisfied with the action of the judges of the fair at Tampa.

They seem to be having a little trouble over in Washington getting the financial end of the big canal project adjusted. Congress seems inclined to want to cut the appropriation down.

An extraordinary fire occurred at Lakeland recently, doing great damage to the orange grove of Rev. T. J. Sparkman. Sparks from a passing engine caused the fire, it is said. The grove was a fine one, valued at \$30,000.

All Florida sympathizes with Arcadia and its business men who lost so heavily in last Thursday night's fire. But Arcadia's citizens have the pluck and energy to go ahead and rebuild better, bigger and more substantial than ever. The Arcadia of a few years hence will be much greater than the Arcadia of the past, and, as a prominent Arcadia lawyer expressed it Sunday, the only man ruined by the fire is the man who has lost his courage.—DeSoto County Advertiser.

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